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A LETTER TO TEACHERS

Dear First Grade Teacher,

Vacation time is almost here, and with its arrival comes the end of another school year. Eight months ago it may have seemed that June was at least a millenium away. Perhaps it seemed even more remote when you stopped to consider the immensity of the tasks that lay ahead. Now, as you glance around the class, you realize that a small miracle has indeed taken place right before your eyes—thanks to you.

The tears and the anxiety experienced by some of those Lilliputian "cherubs" has been replaced with smiles that exude confidence.

There's Jimmy who came in like a thunderbolt, armed with the ability to duplicate any sound within range of the human ear. He's still good at sound effects, but now he channels his energy into other more meaningful activities—less wearing on the teacher.

Remember Karen? Karen was so insecure that she wouldn't speak a word or even attempt to read. Now she sits in the back of the class conducting a reading group.

You've helped each child to adjust to an ever changing and demanding world. And each child holds for you a particular success story.

Now it's your turn to pat yourself on the back. You deserve it. And we salute you for the wonderful job you have done, knowing at the same time that the greatest thrill for a teacher comes not from adult praise but from

a child himself. One such first grade child has put his thoughts into these words. "I'm one of the black children in Mrs. Stringfellow's class. She makes me feel important. She loves us all." These words express the sentiments of a child toward Martha Marian Stringfellow, Teacher of the Year for 1971.

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